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1. PRESENTED MY LETTER CREDENCE TO PRESIDENT NIMEIRI NOON SEPT 22, READING GENERALIZED STATEMENT PREPARED AF/N (STATE 179242). IN HIS FORMAL REPLY, NIMEIRI PARAPHRASED MAIN POINTS I HAD MADE (COPY MY REMARKS WAS SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE). SINGLE SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE WAS HIS REFERENCE ARAB/ISRAELI PROBLEM. NIMEIRI EXPRESSED HOPE USG MIGHT "UNDERSTAND JUST ISSUES OF ARAB NATION...IN WHICH WE INTERESTED, KNOWING IMPORTANT ROLE THAT MUST BE PLAYED BY USG IN ANY SETTLEMENT". PRESIDENT MADE NO REFERENCE TO MARCH MURDERS. (TEXT NIMEIRI AND MY REMARKS BY POUCH.)

2. IN CUSTOMARY INFORMAL CHAT FOLLOWING CEREMONY, I TOLD NIMEIRI I HAD FOUND AT ALL LEVELS IN WASHINGTON BOTH UNDERSTANDING FOR SUDAN'S PROBLEMS AND APPRECIATION FOR CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER WHICH HAD IN PAST YEAR OR TWO CHARACTERIZED GOS ACTIONS BOTH INTERNALLY AND IN REGIONAL AFFAIRS. NIMEIRI (USING FONMIN KHALID TO INTERPRET) RESPONDED WITH EXPRESSION APPRECIATION FOR PAST USG HELP AND INDICATION CONTINUING MAINFOLD SUDANESE NEEDS. HE REFERRED HIS TRAINING IN US (AT FORT LEAVENWORTH) AND SAID HE HAD ACQUIRED NUMBER US WAYS SUCH AS PREFERENCE
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FOR DOING BUSINESS DIRECTLY AND FRANKLY. I SAID THIS ALSO

MY PREFERENCE.

3. ON LEAVING, I TOLD NIMEIRI I HAD PERSONAL LETTER FOR HIM FROM PRESIDENT RE TERMINATION APPOLLO PROGRAM AND ASKED IF I MIGHT CALL ON HIM SOON TO PRESENT IT. NIMEIRI READILY AGREED. WE PURSUING APPOINTMENT THROUGH USUAL FONMIN CHANNELS.

4. COMMENT: DESPITE PRESSURE UNDER WHICH NIMEIRI HAS BEEN WORKING FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM EXHAUSTING TOUR SIX AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND NAC CONFERENCE, HE DID NOT APPEAR UNDULY TIRED. HE SPOKE WARMLY OF HIS STAY IN U.S. WHILE PORTIONS OF HIS FORMAL AND INFORMAL REMARKS NO DOUBT USUAL BOILERPLATE, HE GAVE EVERY INDICATION GENUINE INTEREST IN PRESERVING CLOSE GOS/USG TIES. BREWER

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